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MEMORANDUM FOR: BUDGET AND LIAISON CONTROL
Attention: Mr. [redacted]

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Subject : Field Working Fund

1. I suggest adding the following sentence to paragraph 3 of your draft:

"This would include entertainment and other incidental expenses considered as incurred in support of any project".

With reference to paragraph 4, we have some hesitation about calling the Working Fund a representation allowance. There is provision for granting, on proper approval a true representation allowance to Chiefs of Mission, which is for the sole purpose of permitting them to maintain an establishment with official entertainment, servants, quarters, etc. fitting to the position occupied. Distinction should be made that the Working Fund is for entertainment and incidental expenses incurred solely in connection with intelligence operations generally but not of a type to be allocated to a specific project or activity. Thus, a representation allowance would contemplate a general average expense, but the Working Fund would be allowable only in connection with special occurrences not otherwise covered. Thus, your paragraph 5 is, in general, accurate but might be tightened to show that there are salary payments, allowances, operational projects, and allocations to cover almost all situations, and the Working Fund is merely to prevent expense to the individual for official expenditures not otherwise covered.

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